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(57) Abstract: Flame retardants are described, comprising (A) at least one metal or metalloid salt of a phosphonic acid of formula (I) wherein R is hydrogen, C1-C18alkyl, C5-C6cycloalkyl, C2-C6alkenyl, C₆-C₁₀aryl or C₇-C₁₁aralkyl and R' is hydrogen, C₁-C₈alkyl, C₆-C₁₀aryl or C₇-C₁₁aralkyl, the substituents R and R' that are other than hydrogen being unsubstituted or substituted by halogen, hydroxyl, amino, C₁-C₄alkylamino, di-C₁-C₄alkoxy, carboxy or C₂-C₅alkoxycarbonyl; and the metal or metalloid is one from Group IA, IB, IIA, IIB, IIIA, IVA, VA or VII of the Periodic Table; and (B) at

least one flame retardant component based on a nitrogen compound, and also the use thereof in synthetic polymers.